

At a Common-Hall, July 5, 1695.

BEfore any Proceeding began, this Question was delivered into both the Sheriffs Hands, and demanded by divers Citizens in their own Names, and in the Names of the Citizens of London, to be put up in this Common-Hall, viz.

All you that do adhere to your former Election of Godfry Webster Esq; and Sir Leonard Robinson Kt. to be Sheriffs of London and County of Middlesex for the Year ensuing, hold up your Hands: Et è contra, Hold up your Hands.

This Question was refused by both the Sheriffs, and they did proceed to Election, though the Voice of the Common-Hall was very strong against it to an apparent Majority.

After the pretended Election was declared, this Protest was made.

Mr. Sheriffs, We for our selves, and the Commons of the City of London, do protest against this Election.

So soon as the Lord Mayor and Aldermen came into the Hall, and were seated upon the *Hustings*, a Paper to this purport was delivered into his Lordship's Hands, before Mr. Recorder made any Report.

My Lord Mayor; It is our Opinion that the Common-Hall are above fifteen hundred Citizens, and we are of Opinion not one hundred Hands were held up for any one Person put in Nomination; and the rest of the Citizens adhered to their former Election of Godfry Webster Esq; and Sir Leonard Robinson Kt. for Sheriffs for the Year ensuing.

A Protest was again made to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen against the pretended Election.

It was furthermore moved by the Citizens to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, *that the Clerks of the Hall should produce their Books upon the Hustings, that the Citizens in Common-Hall now assembled, might immediately enter their Protest.*

Answer was made, *There were no Books.*